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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS, BR
SUBJECT: US/BRAZIL SHRIMP NEGOTIATIONS

REF: BRASILIA 3062

1. SUMMARY. FONMIN CONFIRMED THAT US-REGISTERED VESSELS UNDER CHARTER TO A BRAZILIAN COMPANY MAY FLY US FLAG. IN REFERENCE TO JOINT FISHING VENTURES (JFV), HOWEVER, FONMIN'S OPINION IS THAT BRAZILIAN FLAG MUST BE USED SINCE BY DEFINITION JFV WOULD BE MAJORITY-OWNED BRAZILIAN. FONMIN OFFICIAL ALSO COMMENTED THAT THERE IS NO ROOM FOR ADDITIONAL FLEETS AT PRESENT IN BRAZILIAN SHRIMPING WATERS. END SUMMARY.

2. ECONOFF CALLED ON FONMIN'S BASIC PRODUCTS DIVISION CHIEF PEREZ ON APRIL 28 TO PURSUE QUESTION RAISED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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REFTEL AS TO WHETHER US-REGISTERED VESSELS UNDER CHARTER TO BRAZILIAN COMPANIES ARE REQUIRED TO FLY THE BRAZILIAN FLAG. PEREZ GAVE A SIMPLE AND DEFINITIVE ANSWER: "NO". HE SAID ANY VESSEL IN BRAZILIAN WATERS SHOULD CARRY THE FLAG OF THE COUNTRY OF REGISTRATION. HE WENT ON TO COMMENT THAT THE SAME RULE APPLIES TO INSURANCE.

3. IN REGARD TO JFV'S, HOWEVER, PEREZ SAID SINCE THESE VENTURES WOULD HAVE TO BE AT LEAST 60 PERCENT BRAZILIAN OWNED, BY DEFINITION, THE FLAG FLOWN WOULD HAVE TO BE BRAZILIAN. AT ONE POINT IN THE CONVERSATION PEREZ SPECULATED THAT PERHAPS SOME VENTURES MIGHT HAVE A VARYING PROPORTION OF LAND VERSUS VESSEL INVESTMENT (E.G. US OWNED VESSEL BUT WITH BRAZILIANS OWNING MORE THAN 60 PERCENT OF THE LAND OPERATION) WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE USE OF A FLAG OTHER THAN BRAZILIAN, BUT HE QUICKLY RETREATED FROM HIS SPECULATION. WHEN PEREZ WAS PRESSED BY ECONOFF ON WHEN OR WHETHER THE CIRM DIRECTIVES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JFV'S WOULD BE PUBLISHED, PEREZ GAVE HIS CANDID OPINION: "NEVER".
COMMENT: NOTE PEREZ WENT CONSIDERABLY BEYOND SUDEPE'S POSITION ON THE PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF THESE DIRECTIVES (SEE PARAGRAPH 6 REFTTEL. END COMMENT.

4. PEREZ SAID THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR MORE VESSELS THAN THOSE ALREADY INDICATED TO ENTER BRAZILIAN SHRIMPING WATERS THIS SEASON. HE SAID BARBADOS'S 30, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S 60, BRAZIL'S 70 AND CASTLE AND COOK'S 130 VESSELS, WOULD BRING THE POTENTIAL NUMBER OF VESSELS UP TO 290. HE SAID SOME BRAZILIAN AGENCIES HAD BEEN INSISTENT ON ONLY 250 VESSELS IN BRAZILIAN SHRIMPING WATERS, AND COULD BE COUNTED ON TO OPPOSE
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ANY INCREASE BEYOND THE ABOVE NUMBERS THIS SEASON.

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